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Roberts Selected Chairman Of State Stewardship Move



W. R. ROBERTS

W. R. Roberts, of Jackson, state Brotherhood secretary, has been selected as general statewide chairman of Christian Stewardship Week in Mississippi to be observed Oct. 18-25, it has been announced by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary.

The feature of the week will be (Continued On Page Nine)

Reports Record Gifts By Churches

Cincinnati—(RNS) Contributions to 47 U. S. Protestants and Eastern Orthodox communions reached a record total of \$1,286,633,160 for all purposes in the past year.

This was reported by Dr. T. K. Thompson, executive secretary of the Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council of Churches, at the department's annual meeting here.

The figure marks a gain of 10.3 per cent over the previous 12-month period when the total was \$1,166,443,648.

Benevolence-giving by the 47 communions showed a 7.6 per cent gain, with \$249,801,078 reported. This represented an increase of \$17,737,241 over the previous year.

Among the larger amounts included in the total giving were \$268,623,814 contributed by members of The Methodist Church, the \$222,838,109 by members of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the \$112,841,865 by members of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

On a per capita basis, the Free Methodist Church led all other denominations with an average annual contribution of \$194.79 per member. Close behind were the (Continued On Page Nine)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PROJECTS 1954 SBC BUDGET

To All of You, From All of Us

1952 is gone, 1953 is here. Last year is history, this year is opportunity. We trust that a nobler record will be written in the year before us than was written in the year just past.

Certainly all whose heart has in it any of the milk of human kindness will wish for our troubled world, where war has held the spotlight for so many years, peace, security, happiness and freedom from want, sorrow, suffering and privation.

As Mississippi Baptists face this new year full of opportunity we extend New Year's Greetings and good wishes to everyone of you. We pledge to you that we will faithfully strive to write a new and more glorious record of service and testimony during 1953.

As we face the new year we have on our lips a prayer of thanksgiving for Mississippi Baptists and their fine spirit of cooperation and love in our hearts for their faithfulness as stewards of time, talent and money.

We pledge to you our best efforts and beg of you the same.

Chester L. Quarles *A. L. Goodrich*
E. B. Williams *W. C. Morgan*
Martin J. Dillert *Chas. W. Horner*
Edwina Robinson *W. R. Roberts*
J. E. Lane *G. E. Milbanks*
Joe Abrams *Herbert King*

Nashville, Tennessee — (BP) — The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention voted to approve a recommendation that a full \$8,750,000 of Cooperative Program funds be distributed for current operating expenses and capital needs in 1954 for Convention activity.

An operating budget of \$160,000 for the Convention in 1954 was approved, with the Sunday School Board paying \$60,000 of the amount required and the remaining \$100,000 to be provided out of distributable funds.

In other action, the Executive Committee approved the following recommendations:

1. That additional distributable Cooperative Program Funds above \$8,750,000 and the Convention operating budget, be distributed to the Convention Advance Mission Program, with the Home Mission Board receiving 25 per cent of the amount, and the Foreign Mission Board receiving 75 per cent.

(In accordance with action of the Miami Convention, made in agreement with the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board, the first \$160,000 of the Advance Program to be given to the W. M. U. Training School at Louisville.)

2. Distributable Cooperative Program receipts for 1954 be distributed on a single percentage basis up to the Advance Program for home and foreign missionaries.

3. The fiscal year for the Southern Baptist seminaries to close with July 31.

4. The 1953 budgets of the South-wide agencies be approved as printed in the book of agency budgets.

5. A committee be appointed to study jointly with a committee from the W. M. U. Training School presidents of the seminaries and representatives of the Foreign and (Continued On Page Eight)

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Executive Committee Holds First Meeting

The executive committee of the State Convention Board had its first meeting for 1952-53 on Dec. 22 and elected Rev. J. R. Davis, of New Albany as chairman.

Other officers elected included Marion W. Perry of Philadelphia, vice-president, and Rev. Gordon Sansing of Jackson, secretary.

In addition to routine matters a motion was made and carried that a committee be appointed to look in on historical materials at Mississippi College and in Baptist Building and report back as to needs for storage space.

The Year In Religion

BY WINFRED E. GARRISON
(Professor of Philosophy and Religion, University of Houston)

Frequent and fervent during the year have been the appeals to the name of God and the expressions of reliance upon divine providence in the most serious addresses on public affairs by eminent statesmen.

Many indications support the opinion that even the secular mind is more inclined to recognize religious values now than a few years ago.

The old theme of "the conflict between science and religion" is seldom heard. Inability to accept a particular inherited pattern of belief is less frequently a reason, or excuse, for rejecting religion. Outside critics of the churches indict them for failure to live up to what the critic thinks the true principles of religion, more often than they attack religion. It appears that religion has a better press and a higher place in popular regard now than formerly.

At the end of 1951, membership of all religious bodies in the United States was 88,673,005, or 2.12 per cent more than a year earlier. This is 58 per cent of the total population.

Protestants number 52 million, Roman Catholics 29 million, Jews 5 million. In estimating member-

ship most Protestants bodies count only adult or confirmed members: Roman Catholics, Episcopalians and some Lutherans include also baptized infants.

A survey of numerical growth during the past 25 years shows that, since 1926, Protestant membership has increased 65 per cent; Roman Catholic, 57 per cent. In relation to total population, the Protestant communions have risen from 27 to 34 per cent; the Roman Catholic Church from 16 to 19 per cent.

These statistics must not be taken too literally. There is a little exaggeration, apparently fairly evenly distributed. Every church has on its rolls some inactive or lost members. It was recently reported of one very large Protestant body that one-fourth of the members included in its count were not now resident members of any congregation. Roman Catholic statisticians have a similar problem in regard to marginal or "non-practicing" members.

Revised Version Published
A notable event in the Protestant world was the publication of the complete Revised Standard Version of the Bible. The New Testament had appeared in 1946.

It is a revision of the King James Version of 1611, the English (Continued On Page Two)

Church Leaders Urged To Attend Leadership Meets

By CHESTER L. QUARLES
Executive Secretary

Special recognition will be given every church that has the following of its officers present at the leadership conference and Brotherhood Rallies that begin next week:

Pastor, treasurer, chairman of deacons, Sunday School superintendent, Training Union director, W. M. U. president and Brotherhood president.

These conferences, held each year, are designed primarily for the leadership of the churches and the programs are arranged for that purpose.

Every pastor is urged to make every effort to bring each of the following to one of the conferences.

All church officers, teachers, leaders, and workers are especially invited to attend but the officers listed above are urged to be present.

The church that sends its offi- (Continued On Page Two)

Bible Study Week To Be Observed

Annual Bible Study Week will be observed throughout the state January 5-9 with "Studies in Philippians" the book to be used this time.

This observance, sponsored by the Sunday School, is a church-wide effort with those of all age groups from the Junior up urged to participate.

"Studies in Philippians" was written especially for this week by Dr. Ralph A. Herring, pastor of First Church of Winston-Salem, N. C.

In most churches the pastor will teach the book while in other churches a visiting speaker will teach or another member of the church will do so.

This observance, begun only several years ago, is growing in popularity and thousands of churches in the Southern Baptist Convention will observe this week.

The Year In

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Revised Version of 1881-86 and the American Revised Version of 1901. The simultaneous release of nearly a million copies, on Sept. 30, involved one of the greatest printing projects of all time.

Less publicized has been the revision of the Roman Catholic Douay-Rheims version by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

The World Conference on Faith and Order, at Lund, Sweden, in August was the third in the series, and the first since the Faith and Order organization became a division of the World Council of Churches. It brought together 250 theologians representing more than 100 churches in 40 countries, not to make or discuss a specific plan for the union of the churches, but to explore the grounds of separation and the deeper grounds of unity.

Notable features were an amplifier recognition than heretofore of the position of the free and non-creedal churches, the social and cultural factors which affect the structure and interrelation of churches, and the need of a deeper study of the relation of Christ to the Church, and continued stress upon utilizing fully the degree of unity that now exists.

Foreign missions have undergone radical change in recent years. Emphasis now is upon giving aid to and through the "younger churches"—that is, the autonomous Christian churches in mission fields.

The National Council of Churches, now in its third year, still

wrestles with the question as to a permanent location—whether in New York, conveniently close to headquarters of some of the larger denominations and boards, or in the middle west where most of its constituency is. A compromise proposal for a "temporary" location in New York for ten years, with dispersion of some functions among middle western offices, awaited only final action.

The merger of the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church was halted on the brink of consummation two years ago by an adverse Brooklyn Supreme Court decision. That decision was reversed April 14 by the appellate division of New York Supreme Court. Opponents of the merger have filed notice of a further appeal, and the National Council of Congregational Christian Churches voted (20 to 1) to press the case for union.

Northern Baptists and Disciples No Nearer Union

Northern Baptists (now called the American Baptist Convention) and Disciples of Christ held simultaneous conventions in Chicago in May with an interchange of fraternal courtesies, but specific negotiations for union have been suspended.

The intermittent conversations between Episcopalians and Methodists are neither hopeless or very promising. Neither the Greenwich-Cincinnati plan for the union of eight denominations nor the Stanley Jones federation plan has made visible progress during the year, but both are still under consideration.

The Methodist General Confer-

ence, meeting at San Francisco in May, after an intensive survey by efficiency experts adopted measures to coordinate the work of its several boards and agencies. It also took steps to free itself from the embarrassment caused by the independent "Methodist Federation for Social Action" by asking the Federation to drop "Methodist" from its title and find quarters outside of the Methodist Building on Fifth Avenue in New York. Both of these things the Federation has done.

Evangelistic activity has continued to be general and vigorous. It has included a growing use of "visitation evangelism" by local congregations, special "crusades" by several denominations and some conspicuous city-wide undenominational "campaigns" by such popular evangelists as C. B. Templeton of Canada and "Billy" Graham.

It is questionable whether the index for religious liberty in the world at large is going up or down. Sweden's liberalized religious law, effective January, 1952, virtually abolished all limitations on the civil and religious rights of Protestant non-conformists and Roman Catholics. The only remaining restrictions are that Catholics cannot become teachers of religion in the public schools and cannot build monasteries closed to public inspection.

While Spain's tight restrictions on the activities of Protestants continue unrelaxed, Cardinal Segura Seville periodically criticizes the government for not making them tighter and responds hotly to American Catholics (e.g., the

Jesuit weekly, America) who venture to say a good word for religious liberty. The closing of some Protestant mission churches in Italy by act of the government became an occasion for diplomatic intervention. In Colombia there have been repeated acts of mob violence against native Protestants and their church property. Among the Orthodox Jews a substantial growth was reported in synagogues, Talmud Torahs, and day schools.

All three wings of Judaism in America maintained an increasing interest in the progress of Judaism in the new state of Israel. The Conservative and Reform groups took steps to establish congregations there, over the strenuous objections of Orthodox elements, both in the U. S. and in Israel.

Synagogues in America became increasingly outspoken in condemning Soviet totalitarianism and aggression and denounced especially the Soviet anti-Jewish campaign in the Iron Curtain countries.

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Church Leaders

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cers to one of the conferences will be blessed by the inspiration and information these leaders receive.

In the matter of special recognition the churches will be recognized on the basis of the above officers that they have, as some churches do not have all the officers so named.

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According to the minutes of the Marion County Association, the 134th annual session will meet with the Cedar Grove Church in the spring and with the Clear Creek Church in the fall.

William Garmon New Pastor At Ford's Creek

Rev. William S. Garmon, Centre, Alabama, has accepted the pastorate of Ford's Creek Baptist Church, Poplarville, effective Jan. 4.

He is resigning from the Bethany Baptist Church, Route 6, Andalusia, Alabama.

The Rev. Garmon is a graduate of Howard College, Birmingham, and has the Master of Arts Degree from George Peabody College, Nashville. He expects to receive a Bachelor of Theology Degree from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in May, 1953.

While at the Alabama church he led in building a pastorium, and saw 41 new members added to the membership.



Rev. Garmon

GIVE to your American Bible Society

Opening January 25

Rev. William H. Ross of Laurel, Mississippi, has accepted a call to become pastor of the Cottonwood Baptist Church, Cottonwood, Alabama. He moved into the church pastorium on Dec. 22. Mr. Ross is a graduate of Mississippi Southern College, and holds the Bachelor of Divinity Degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

THESE PASTORS URGE YOUR ATTENDANCE NEXT WEEK

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES and BROTHERHOOD RALLIES

Monday



A. A. WARD
Port Gibson

Tuesday



ROY COLLUM
Liberty

Wednesday



VERNON MAY
Tylertown

Thursday



W. L. WARREN
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We Are Thankful

To the many from far and near who sent all kinds of Christmas Greetings we say, "Thank you."

It is impossible to acknowledge all of them without working on Christmas day. We are allergic to that.

We are asking all to accept these words as our thanks with the wish that 1953 may be the most prosperous year you have ever known both spiritually and materially.

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Welcome And Goodbye

With this issue another name appears on the Baptist Training Union page. Mr. Kermit King of South Carolina takes up the reins as Baptist Training Union Secretary. Other issues have carried information about him and his fitness for the work. We feel that we speak for all Mississippi Baptists when we say, "Welcome, Mr. King."

And as we say "Welcome" to our new secretary, we also say with a touch and tinge of sorrow, to our retiring secretary, "Good-bye." Retiring after thirty-five years of faithful and successful service, Auber J. Wilds has the love, respect, admiration and confidence of all Mississippi Baptists. In fact, Mr. Wilds has brought Baptist Training Union work from a small and insignificant thing to what it is today.

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

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Our Twelfth Year

With this issue we begin our twelfth year as editor of the Baptist Record. For seven years prior to that time we served as circulation manager. During these years we have made the Baptist Record our main work. It has continually been on our heart and mind. The work is interesting and we hope that the Record is helpful.

As we begin another year, we are grateful to so many for so much. Pastors, laymen and laywomen all over the state have rendered valuable aid. And we would be an ingrate indeed if we failed to mention the State workers and the Baptist Building workers.

Again we renew our two-fold pledge made the day we were elected to this important office which we have continually kept.

1. To keep the Baptist Record true to the Bible.

2. To promote the work of Mississippi Baptists and to publish nothing that we think will hurt our work.

We have tried to treat everyone with absolute fairness. Every church and every Baptist is a big one in God's sight.

We hope to make the Baptist

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR



Record more interesting and helpful in the coming year. To aid us in this undertaking, we covet the prayers and continued support of all who love the Lord and the work of Mississippi Baptists.

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Send Your Pastor

With the statewide Evangelistic Conference a month away, churches are urged to send their pastors to this Conference.

Many pastors cannot come otherwise. The pastor who attends this Conference will return home filled with enthusiastic evangelistic fervor for the task ahead.

The church that sees to it that its pastor attends will be the winner as the few dollars cost will be an investment in the life of the pastor that will result in great usefulness to the church and the Kingdom.

A great program is being planned for this Conference, which is in reality a revival meeting for the pastors and others who attend.

Many besides the pastors should and will attend but the pastor is the key person in the field of evangelism and this appeal is to all churches to urge and make possible the attendance of every pastor.

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Study Philipians

The week of January 5-9 has been designated by the Southern Baptist Convention as Bible Study Week. Of course, every church is free to do as it desires but all are urged to join in this great week of Bible study.

The book to be used is Studies in Philipians by Dr. Ralph Herring, pastor of the First Church, Winston Salem, N. C. Dr. Herring is one of our outstanding Southern Baptist preachers and scholars. A study of the book will enrich our lives, feed our souls and promote our spirituality.

This is an urgent invitation to every Baptist to join in this one great week of Bible study.

The Revised Version

In Our Readers Write column is a letter from Mr. J. E. Heath of Duck Hill. In most instances such a letter would not be published. But we know Mr. Heath and know him to be a faithful Baptist and an excellent student of the Bible.

We believe him to be honest in what he writes. But sometimes our zeal obscures the facts.

Dr. A. T. Robertson, Dr. John R. Sampey, and Dr. Kyle M. Yates were members of the revision committee. We studied Greek and Hebrew under Drs. Robertson and Sampey. We were reared a few miles from Dr. Yates' birthplace, entered college with him, and have known him for forty years. None of these men ever had one drop of Modernistic blood in their veins. And such a charge has not one fact to support it.

Now concerning Isaiah 7:14 which, in the Revised Standard Version, reads, "Behold, a YOUNG WOMAN shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." This is the correct translation. The Hebrew word, "Almah" which is in the text from which the translation is made means "a young woman of marriageable age." To translate it "virgin" is to put in something that is not in the original.

The Hebrew word for virgin is BETHULAH.

For those who are sticklers for the word "virgin," we call attention to the fact that the RSV gives a footnote namely "or virgin." If the translators were trying to deny the Virgin Birth they did a poor job for they used it in Matt. 1:22-23 and Luke 1:27. Also note Matt. 1:18 and Matt. 1:20.

The current critics, some of whom are reported to have gone so far as to make a public ceremony of burning the page on which Isaiah 7:14 is contained in a copy of the new Version, seem to feel that the translators were trying to deny or disprove the

deity of Christ by rendering the word "almah" in this verse "young woman." But just one reading of Luke 2:26-31 would completely disprove any such contention. The new Version translates these verses as follows: "In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you!' . . . And the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.'"

We are not criticizing nor defending the Revised Standard Version. (Continued on Page Four)

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Our Readers Write

HE OBJECTS

I find "ear-marks" of modernism in that "New Bible."

In Isaiah 7:14 the Revised Standard Version is translated, "Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

In the King James Version it reads, "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son." What is the difference between a "virgin" and a "young woman?" Here is the difference. All the virgins are young women, but not all young women are virgins.

Also in John 3:16 The Revised Standard Version reads, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

In the King James Version it reads: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Now what is the difference between his ONLY Son, and His ONLY BEGOTTEN son?

The difference is that God has many sons, but only one begotten Son. The Greek word "Monogenee" means "only begotten." Then why leave it out? It is clear, it is the "ear-mark" of Modernism.

If these Notorious Modernists who are at the head of the National Council of Churches can get the people to doubt the virgin birth of Christ, they shall have gone a long way toward accomplishing their goal. Take notice, and beware of the tricks of Modernism, it is the works of Satan!

Yours in Christ, the only begotten Son of God.

J. E. HEATH.

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THE REVISED VERSION

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sion. We find some things in it that we would have translated differently. But there is also much that appeals to us. We have bought every translation that was possible. Not one of them, in our opinion, is perfect. We use all the good and ignore the bad.

All the Bibles, of whatever version, that we have, are translations. And this is said despite the opinion of a woman who wrote us, "If the King James Version was good enough for the Apostle Paul, it is good enough for me."

We were unkind enough to remind the good lady that the King James translation was made about 1500 years after Paul's time.

Every translation has had some faults as well as good points.

And for the few notoriety seekers who have burned pages of the Revised Standard Version we have only sympathy. Certainly they are inconsistent. To be consistent they should burn a page from every known translation for none are perfect.

Others have burned Bibles (even the King James Version) before, but it has al-

ways resulted in their increased circulation. The best friends of the RSV could not have done a better job of publicizing it and also in increasing its sale.

Something has made the RSV a best seller. As of November 29, sales totalled over 1,600,000 with another 600,000 to be ready soon and orders are on hand for those and more.

Even though John Wycliffe, who was the first to translate the entire Bible in English, died a natural death in 1382, the enemies of his translation later dug up his bones and burned them.

William Tyndale completed a translation of the Bible from the Greek into English in 1531. His Bibles were burned in England and he was strangled and burned at the stake.

Baptists boast of freedom of conscience. How then are we justified in calling those heretics and modernists whose translation of a Greek or Hebrew word differs from our translation. Let us stick to fundamental facts but also allow Christian freedom.

The Revised Standard Version of the New Testament was published in 1946. Why

have the critics waited until now to complain.

In 1936 Dr. C. B. Williams, who served Southern Baptists as Dean of Southwestern Seminary, President of Howard College, Professor of New Testament at Mercer University and finally as Professor of Greek at Union University produced a most excellent translation of the New Testament. Without exception he translated the Greek word MONOGES as "only" not "only begotten." We have heard no one criticize that translation.

If it must mean "only begotten" explain Luke 7:12 which reads in the King James Version, "The ONLY son of his mother." The same Greek word is used here as in John 3:16. To translate that as, "Only begotten son of his mother" would be absurd. Fathers beget sons, not mothers.

Other translations such as Twentieth Century, Moffatt, Weymouth, Goodspeed, and others translate John 3:16 as ONLY.

The Improved Edition published in 1912 and often referred to as the Baptist Bible (because the translators were Baptists and the word immerse was used) used the term "young woman." Among the translators were Dr. John R. Sampey, and Dr. John A. Broadus. So far, we have never heard any criticism of that translation.

Mr. Heath objects to the term "Only Son" in John 3:16. He says, "God has many sons but only one son." We can only guess that by "many sons" he means those who claim to be God's sons or Christians. John 3:16 whether translated "Only Son" or "only begotten son"

simply does not refer to Christians but to his only Son.

To those who wish to study the two passages under consideration we suggest Koehler and Baumgartner's Lexicon (page 709) who define ALMAH as meaning "young woman." The same is true of the edition of Gesenius by Robinson (page 788); the edition by Brown, Driver and Briggs (page 761); Young's Analytical Concordance; Hastings Dictionary of the Bible; Broadus' Commentary on Matthew and several other authorities.

Dr. John R. Sampey always said that ALMAH meant "young woman." Dr. Kyle M. Yates, in a recent interview, said the same thing.

It must be remembered that since the King James Version in 1611 there have been many amazing manuscripts discovered and significant developments in our knowledge of the Greek language. Space prevents naming them but they are well-known to Bible students. The English language is continually changing. It is said that more than 400 English words have changed since the days of Shakespeare.

Even its critics admit that there are several commendable features in the RSV. The use of modern language clarifies the meaning of many passages which have been obscure. Using quotation marks and modern punctuation is helpful. Putting poetry in poetic form is a good idea.

As an example of some of the improvements in the RSV we quote a few below:

In the King James Version Song of Solomon reads, "My beloved

put in his hand by the hole of the door; and my bowels were moved toward him." The RSV reads, "My beloved put his hand to the latch, and my heart was thrilled within me."

In the King James, Matt. 16:18 read, "... I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." The RSV reads, "... I will build my church, and the power of death shall not prevail against it."

In Matt. 19:14 the King James reads, "But Jesus said, 'Suffer little children and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.'" The RSV reads, "But Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the Kingdom of heaven.'"

It should also be emphasized that this is not a new Bible but a new translation. Nor should we overlook the fact that all we have is translations. The Greek, Latin and Hebrew manuscripts which we have are translations and copies of the originals. Not a single original manuscript is available today.

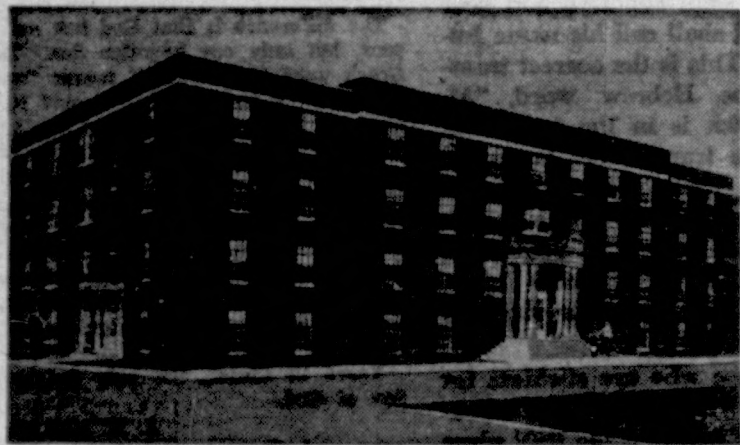
In view of the above facts, it should be helpful in understanding the Bible to have several translations. And however many translations you have, be sure to study it diligently and prayerfully.

Whatever the faults of the RSV may be, it puts the Bible in readable, modern English. Many of the "thous," "thus" etc., have been omitted.

It should also be emphasized that Southern Baptists have neither approved or disapproved it. No church, association or convention can make (Continued on Page Five)

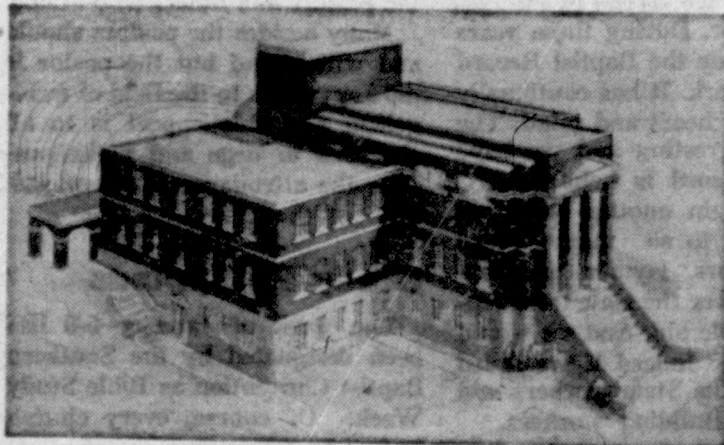
TWO Urgent NEEDS of MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

1. ENLARGEMENT OF RATLIFF HALL



Because of the capacity enrollment this fall, many students were compelled to commute who would have lived in the residence halls had there been available rooms. In anticipation of continued increases in enrollment in the foreseeable future, the Administration is planning to enlarge Ratliff Hall to be able to adequately care for the additional number of single men students. For several years it has been the desire of the Administration to house freshman men students separately, and the additions to Ratliff Hall will make this possible. The wings to be added to the north and south ends of the hall will double the capacity of the building. A complete renovation of the present structure will accompany the additions to the building.

2. A FINE ARTS BUILDING



The fine art department—Art, Speech, and Music—have grown to the extent that adequate housing for them has become an imperative. The Art Department has outgrown its quarters, necessitating divided classes and night sessions. The Speech Department is using the fourth floor of Lowery Hall Library, the homes of the literary societies. The Music Department is crowded into temporary buildings. Practice rooms are located all over the campus. This proposed fine arts building will provide sufficient rooms for these departments and an auditorium for dramatics and concerts. In connection with the building is a proposed amphitheater to be constructed in the rear which will fill a need for an out-door place for meetings.

Your Continued Support Will Help Us Meet These Needs

Baptist Training Union

Kermit King, State Secretary, Box 530, Jackson 5, Miss.
Associate—Miss Joyce Whitten, Office Secretary
Miss Louise Hill, Director Intermediate and Young People's Work



MRS. CLAUDE HOWE, JR.

Before her marriage on December 28th, Mrs. Howe was Miss Joyce Whitten, Office Secretary in the Training Union Department, succeeding Miss Alene Johnson who, for about six years had served so effectively and efficiently. Miss Whitten came to the office in August, 1951 and during these eighteen months has endeared herself to the entire office force. Lt. Howe is now stationed at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., where they will make their home. Before leaving, the office force at the Baptist Building gave a party in honor of Joyce, expressing to her best wishes. Our congratulations are extended to these fine young people, two of God's choice.

KERMIT KING BECOMES SECRETARY

In the last issue of the Baptist Record you saw the announcement about the selection of our Board for the position of State Training Union Secretary, Mr. Kermit S. King. Mr. King is a layman, and in early life dedicated his life to Training Union work. He has served most effectively as associate in the South Carolina Training

Union Department and we commend him most heartily to our Mississippi friends. You will like him, and will follow his leadership. His desire is but to forward the cause of Christ. Let's go all out for Training Union, following our "King" as he leads us in a program of progress.

OUR THEME



This is a new year, this is a new theme for the year—Learn From Me. All Training Union Literature this year will be based on this general theme, following the Monthly Theme.

To make the topics more vivid a splendid book of sermons has been compiled by Dr. J. E. Lambdin. Each sermon is by a different pastor in the Southern Baptist Convention, and deals with the subject, or theme for the month. You will want a copy of this book for your library, and for use throughout the year for illustrations, stories, etc., as extra materials for your programs. Order from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss.

HOW TO GET YOUR AVERAGE ON "ACHIEVEMENT"

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HIGHLAND CHURCH ORGANIZED IN JACKSON

The Airbase Chapel, for several years a mission of the Parkway Church in Jackson, was organized into a church on Sunday, December 28, Rev. George Lassett, who has been serving as mission pastor, was called as pastor for the church.

Trustees chosen Sunday afternoon were Travis Hitt, J. N. Chapman, and George Kinnard. The new church has 20 charter members.

The chapel was organized in 1948 under the direction of Chaplain Vaughn, of the Veteran's Hospital, however, in May 1948 Parkway Church assumed the leadership and sponsorship of the chapel and promoted its growth into a full-fledged church.

—BR—

The Laurel Hill Church in Neshoba County recently completed a Training Union study course. Thirty-seven awards were granted, according to Rev. James Griffith, pastor.

Leadership Conference, Brotherhood Rallies To Be Launched Next Week

The long awaited annual Leadership Conference and Brotherhood Rallies will begin this coming Monday with the first conference to be held at Port Gibson.

Offering a fine program of information and inspiration these conferences are designed to reach the leadership of the churches of the state.

Fourteen outstanding leaders from Mississippi as well as over the South will appear on the

THE REVISED VERSION

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any version the accepted version of the individual.

Many Baptists will buy the RSV and read it with profit. That's their privilege. And still others will stick to the King James version and profit by studying it.

There are some things we like about the RSV and others that we do not.

As for us, we plan to put the new translation by the side of the many others we have and accept the good and reject the bad.

For pulpit and devotional use we plan to continue to use, love, enjoy and profit from the King James Version.

We suggest getting a copy of the RSV. It is more readable than the others. As a business man recently said to Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of the First Church, Jackson, "I now can read even the Old Testament and have a little bit of an idea what it means."

Using the words of Dr. Hudgins from a recent sermon which express our sentiments even better than we could:

"My faith and my trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God does not, if you please, inhere in one textfully-proved verse of the Scripture. It would do nothing to my faith in Jesus Christ, nor would it cause me for one moment to lose my faith in Him as the Son of God, if it should be found that this verse of Scripture had been omitted entirely when Isaiah wrote his prophecy. My faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, immaculately conceived of the Holy Spirit, and born of a virgin, does not rest upon that verse of Scripture alone; indeed, a change of a word does not affect my Christian faith one whit. Let us, therefore, then be honest: and simply because scholars have made discoveries and have found usages of words and give us the benefit of their knowledge; let us not charge them with heresy nor cartilage them to eternal perdition."

P. S. There is at least one typographical error in the RSV. Rev. Andrew R. E. Wyant, of Chicago, found it in Acts 4:6.

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Colorful booklets entitled TRU-TEXT COLORING BOOKS that will appeal to the children, have recently been released by the Concordia Publishing House. They are paper bound and cost 15c each. There are four booklets in this series. The pictures to be colored appear in color on one page and black and white on the next and are based on Scripture verses. Order from the Baptist Book Store.

program of the conference. Their names and photos are listed elsewhere in the Record. Some of these will appear all three weeks while others will make an appearance on only one week's schedule.

Each meeting will last a day, beginning at 9:30 in the morning and adjourn at 9 that night.

The morning and afternoon sessions will be given over to the leadership conference while the Brotherhood Rallies will be held at night.

Challenging subjects to be discussed include the following:

"Missions in God's Plan", "Promoting Missions in a Church", "Training Union and Missions", "The Challenge of the Cooperative Program", "Mississippi Our Opportunity", "Stewardship Emphasis for 1953", "To the Last Church", "An Active Brotherhood in Every Church", "Mississippi Baptist Program" and "Missions Measures Men."

"Mississippi Our Opportunity," the film-slide production shown at the recent state convention will be one of the features at each meeting.

Next week's schedule will include: Monday, Port Gibson; Tuesday, Liberty; Wednesday, Tylertown; Thursday, Wiggins; and Friday, McLain.

The host church will provide lunch.

—BR—

Dr. Frank Stagg, professor of New Testament interpretation at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, will lead in a church-wide Bible Study Week at Parkway Baptist Church January 5-9.

The "Christ for Christmas" offering taken on December 21 at the Daniel Memorial Church in Jackson amounted to \$22,000. Of this amount \$2,200 has already been sent to the Foreign Mission Board for the Lottie Moon offering. The remainder will be used in the new building program.

At a special Christmas Eve service at the Noxapater Church \$325 was given for foreign missions. The offering was placed in stockings which were hung under the altar below the slogan "Christmas for Christ," an open Bible and a globe of the world. Following the program family groups visited the parsonage and left gifts for the new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Iver L. Clark. The interior of the parsonage had been completely redecorated. The church has also launched a building and beautification program and has employed Mrs. Alfred Kelly as church secretary.

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The Baptist Record office is in receipt of a copy of the minutes of the Union Association which met with the Fayette Church. The minutes were sent in by the clerk and treasurer, J. Mack Jones.

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RALLY SPEAKER



GEORGE SCHROEDER

Shown above is George Schroeder, executive secretary, Baptist Brotherhood Commission who will speak at the Brotherhood Rallies in connection with the Leadership Conferences, January 5-9, 19-23 and February 2-6. Mr. Schroeder will speak the third week at the following places Houston, Booneville, Oxford, Clarksdale and Calvary Church in Greenwood. On the same program will be Dr. Quarles and Rev. Sam Scantlan of Oklahoma.

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New Church Organized in Lamar County

On Wednesday, Dec. 10, a body of Christians met in the home of Rev. F. C. Norris for the purpose of organizing a new church.

The church was organized with 57 charter members and called Rev. F. C. Norris to be their pastor.

The new church held its first service Sunday morning in the Harmon Aultman old home as a temporary place of worship, with 57 present in Sunday School. The name, Bellevue Baptist Church, was unanimously chosen by the members.

A special service was held Sunday afternoon at which time a council, composed of representatives from sister churches, examined the organization.

The council approved the organization and voted to set aside the first Sunday in January to receive an offering in their churches for the building fund of this new church.

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GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

Sulphur Springs Is No. 1045

Once again the promotion plan has proved its worth. Recently the Baptist Record was sent on trial for a few weeks to the members of Sulphur Springs Church in Newton County. Rev. Marcus Smith is the pastor.

As usual, the church liked the Record and has adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan, which means that 41 families of that church are going to keep up with Baptist affairs at home and abroad.

Record readers in Newton County are now listed as follows:

BETHEL 48, BEULAH 34, Center Ridge 1, CHUNKY 51, Cross Road 10, DECATUR, CLARKE VENABLE 164, DUFFEE 42, Good Hope 1, GREENLAND 30, HICKORY 95, LAWRENCE 32, LIBERTY 46, MIDWAY 28, Mt. Pleasant 8, MT. VERNON 39, NEW IRELAND 21, New Prospect 18, N. PROVIDENCE 26, NEWTON 321, Oakland 7, Pine Grove 15, PINKNEY 37, PLEASANT HILL 43, Rock Branch 6, STRATTON 25, SULPHUR SPRINGS 41, UNION, FIRST 192.

Young Church Adopts EF Plan

The Lakeshore Church in Hancock county which was recently reactivated after several years of inactivity has taken another progressive step by adopting the Every Family Plan of the Baptist Record. Rev. R. L. McNamee is the pastor. The pastor states that although the community is 99 percent Catholic the Record is doing its part to teach the new converts the Baptist way.

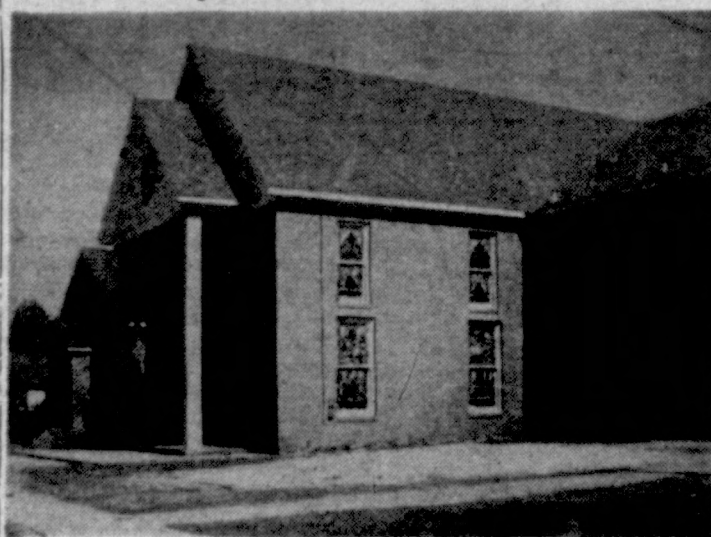
Record readers in Gulfcoast Association are now listed as follows: BAY ST. LOUIS 89; Kiln-Shifalo 10; LOGTOWN 36; Pearlinton 1; LAKESHORE 13; BIG RIDGE 41; BILOXI, FIRST 303; BILOXI, SECOND 34; Crane 1; GULFPORT, FIRST 815; GULFPORT, EAST SIDE 86; GULFPORT, GRACE MEMORIAL 44; FERNWOOD, (BOWEN MEMORIAL) 30; HANDBORO 85; LONG BEACH 123; Mississippi City 2; NEW HOPE 61; PASS CHRISTIAN 39; Sharon 11; WEST GULFPORT 16; WOOLMARKET 32; LYMAN 36; RIVERSIDE 11; MCHENRY 34; CALVARY MISSION 19; Pass Road 18; Success 17; and TRINITY 48.

Hinkle Creek

Having had a standing invitation for several months to visit Alcorn County, we finally made it in December. Each month Alcorn has a monthly association meeting with one of the churches. The December meeting was held at Hinkle Creek Church. Various officers made reports of the progress of their work and plans were also made for the future.

At this meeting we were given

New Sanctuary Of Greenville Second Church



The front section of the newly completed sanctuary of the Second Church of Greenville, which was opened to use Sunday, Dec. 21. Rev. M. E. Perry is pastor of the church. The building seats approximately 850 in the pews and can accommodate 1000 with additional chairs.

Greenville Second Church Shows Unusual Growth

The Second Church of Greenville officially opened the doors of its new sanctuary to the public Sunday, Dec. 21, climaxing more than two years of praying and planning and several months of actual building.

The building so recently completed will seat about 850 in the pews. The choir platform accommodates a chorus of more than 50 voices.

The growth in the membership during these past five years has been phenomenal. In 1947 there was a membership of 474. This past year the church reported 1355. 406 of the increase came on profession of faith. The church

sufficient time to explain the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record. And Joe Abrams, Secretary of Promotion, showed the pictures of the Historical Pageant.

Record readers in Alcorn County are now listed as follows: Antioch 1, Corinth, First 19, CORINTH, TATE ST. 155, COUNTY LINE 26, Dixie Hill Mission 1, GLENDALE 30, HINKLE CREEK 36, Holly 2, Kemps Chapel 2, KOSSUTH 29, Lovejoy 1, Mt. Hebron 1, RIENZI 44, TISHOMINGO CHAPEL 46, WEST CORINTH 105, UNION 23, and EAST CORINTH 33.

Antioch Is No. 1038

The 27 names that were sent in on the Every Family list of the Antioch Church in Greene County helped the Baptist Record go over the goal of 77,000 subscriptions by State Convention time.

This list of names was sent in by Rev. James Dunnam, pastor, with instructions to send the bill to J. Walter Pierce, treasurer.

Record readers in Greene County are now listed as follows:

ANTIOCH 27; AVERA 26; CEDAR GROVE 27; COUNTY LINE 31; East Salem 14; FELLOWSHIP 21; JOHNSON CREEK 22; Indian Hill 2; LEAF 32; LEAKESVILLE 83; McLAIN 69; PINE LEVEL 20; Pleasant Hill 15; SAND HILL 21; Unity 12; Washington (Neely) 2; and WEST SALEM 23.

budget has gone from slightly over \$8,000, five years ago to approximately \$50,000 for the current year.

Three missions have been established during the fourteen years of the existence of the Second Church, two of which, Calvary and Forkland, have been organized into churches. Plans are now laid for the establishing of one or possibly two more as soon as suitable sites can be secured.

During the past several months four have surrendered to preach, one having been ordained and all have been licensed. Each of them receives a scholarship of \$33.33 a month from the church while they are preparing themselves for future usefulness.

The broadcast of the entire Sunday morning worship has proven to be the biggest single missionary asset the church has. The Radio Poll estimates that at least 25,000 listeners are in tune with the station during the Sunday broadcast.

The congregation of the Second Baptist Church is now laying plans for the most virile and far-reaching schedule of work they have ever undertaken.

Rev. M. E. Perry is pastor of the church.

—BR—

Rev. D. T. Evans has accepted the call of the Gillsburg Church in Amite County, effective January 1. He resigned the pastorate of the Bethel Church in Pearl River County to accept the Gillsburg Church.

The many friends of Rev. Tommy F. Rayburn will be interested in the announcement of his approaching marriage to Miss Mary Lois Steed in Nacagdoches, Texas. The marriage will take place on January 10.

Mrs. W. L. Martin of the First Baptist Church, Grenada, has sent the Baptist Record office a copy of the Grenada County Association minutes. According to the minutes the next meeting will be with the Holcomb church on September 1.

Presenting—Kermit S. King

BY CHESTER L. QUARLES

Executive Secretary

Mississippi Baptists are fortunate we feel in securing Kermit S. King to lead our state Training Union program beginning Jan. 1.

From those who know him best and from his record we present him as a worthy successor to Aubrey J. Wilds who retires Jan. 1 after 35 successful years as secretary of our State Training Union work.

Mr. King comes to us highly recommended, one thoroughly capable and prepared to lead us in a great forward program of Training Union development.

Our new secretary comes to us from South Carolina where he served the past three and one-half years as an associate in the State Training Union Department.

He holds the degree of master of religious education from Southwestern Seminary. There he was president of the senior class and recipient of the J. M. Price medal.

He holds the A. B. degree from Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn. He was editor of the school paper and elected to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. He was winner of the W. Douglas Hudgins Scholarship Award.

He is a native of McMinnville, Tenn. and attended Grammar and High School in Chattanooga. There he won the Tennessee High School Oratorical Contest.

Mr. King served in the U. S. Army from July 1942 to November 1945, with duty in French Morocco and Italy.

We have high hopes for the future in the realm of Mississippi Baptist Training Union with all our people cooperating under the leadership of our new secretary and his associates.

—BR—

Among the recent visitors to the Baptist Building were: Woodie Williams, Jr., State College; Rev. C. E. James, Picayune; Rev. and Mrs. C. O. Estes, Canton; J. L. Pollard, Alexandria, La.; Rev. R. McDonald, Prentiss; Dr. Wm. P. Davis, Flora; E. L. Thames, Carthage; Mrs. Edward Thornton, Carthage; Mrs. J. W. Cartwright, Moorhead; Frank Horton, Moorhead; W. A. Topp, Moorhead; Rev. R. L. Jordan, Sidon; Rev. C. J. Olander, Morgan City; and Cliff Elkins, Lumberton, N. C.

Rev. and Mrs. Lonie A. Doyle, Southern Baptist missionaries to Brazil, are now in the States on furlough and may be addressed at Box 762, Anson, Tex. Mr. Doyle, a native of Clinton, plans to enter Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., in January.



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Clarke Memorial College Launches Drive For Boys Dormitory

The picture (at right) tells its own story. The building has been condemned. Clarke needs a dormitory for men students. It cannot be provided except by personal gifts. Will you help?

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Again and again your attention has been called to the need for a Boy's Dormitory at Clarke College. Our coming this time is not in behalf of students that we hope to have in the future, but for the safety of the students already here. Three years ago this building was condemned by the Education Commission and engineers. Temporary safety precautions were taken. We have no other alternative. The building must be replaced. We believe that there are individuals, churches, and associations who will gladly do the big thing by helping to replace this building, even though it may involve sacrifice.

Sincerely,
W. E. GREENE, President.

Frank Moody Purser
Minister of the Gospel
Pastor, First Baptist Church
Oxford, Mississippi
December 22, 1952

Dear Fellow Pastor:

As a Baptist deeply interested in Christian education I write to you about something on my heart. Our boys need a place to stay while attending Clarke Memorial College. This is said after careful thought and prayer. Several years ago, when visiting Clarke with members of the Baptist Education Commission of Mississippi, we were impressed with the great need of a new dormitory for men. The old one in use was a fire hazard, was unsafe, and almost beyond use.

The Trustees, the Faculty and the Administrative Force of Clarke, together with Mississippi Baptists as a whole, rejoice that this school is now a fully accredited Junior College, having recently been approved by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. All the more because of this standing Clarke needs a new dormitory. One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) will be needed for this. Can you help? If so do it now. Be one to set the example, not to wait for others.

It is believed that this appeal can be made to churches in full harmony with recent action of the Convention, since it is an appeal for building program Convention-authorized, not for current expense items. We hope your church can respond.

Sincerely in Christ,
Your fellow Mississippi Baptist,
FRANK MOODY PURSER.

Woman's Missionary Union

President—Miss Almarine Brown, Jackson
Executive Secretary—Miss Edwina Robinson
Young People's Secretary—Miss Nell Taylor
Royal Ambassador Secretary—Joel Ray

"Happy New Year" has a special meaning for us of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union today, January 1, 1953—for this is the year of our Diamond Jubilee. And certainly our New Year's greeting carries with it a challenge and a prayer.

For to each of us this year of Jubilee is a challenge. First of all, it must be a challenge to personal dedication to our Christian responsibility. Belonging to a missionary organization, we acknowledge that responsibility to be sharing the message of God's redemptive love to all men everywhere. It would be well for each of us to sit down and make out a set of personal resolutions for our Jubilee year. Certainly, such a list should be made gratefully, lovingly, prayerfully. And each list might end something like this "By God's help, I dedicate myself to keep the I in my Jubilee activities purposefully, humbly, faithfully."

There is also the challenge to active participation in the Jubilee program. Each of us must find her place in this program, then must fill that place. Each love organization must also find its place in this program—then must fill that place! For in no other way can we attain our goals; in no way other than as "Laborers together" can we really "Go Forward."

Therefore, as we make out our resolutions, we should get our Jubilee Handbooks and review our purposes. We are not just celebrating a birthday; we are commemorating seventy-five years of achievement—of growth, because Christian women have been dedicated to serving God and man. And we have accepted as our primary purpose "the deepening of our individual spiritual lives." Other purposes follow: enlistment in all the chief aims of Woman's Missionary Union; a Diamond Jubilee offering; the writing of a history. And only as we succeed in attaining those purposes may we hope to celebrate!

Also there must be a review of Jubilee objectives. If there are to be gains in organizations—and there will be!—we must first strengthen our own local organizations. For we must have healthy, vigorous, active societies first; then growth will come!

Right now is a good time to write down some definite goals. Each associational executive committee should decide upon their goals. Surely if we meet the objectives listed under organizations, each association should show a net gain of one missionary society,

of one business woman's circle, of five young people's organizations. Each stewardship chairman must set up her goals; each mission study chairman, hers; each community missions chairman, hers; each local president, hers, each member—yes, it must come down to the individual—hers!

We can make this a year of Jubilee—a year of rejoicing! But to do so, every woman, every boy, every girl in every one of our organizations must determine to be a part of it all.

We have plans excellently worked out, we have spent three months in purposeful preparation, we have dedicated the year to progress under the leadership of the King Eternal. So as we say, "Happy New Year," we do say it with a prayer that in 1953 Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union will "Go Forward" to the glory of God our King and to the growth of His Kingdom here at home and to the uttermost parts of His world.

For this is the year of Jubilee! We enter into it rejoicing. We go forward singing together

"Through the years, O Great Jehovah, We would ever follow thee;

With our lives and with our witness, May we ever tell of Thee. Sing His praises, sing His praises, Jesus died to set men free. Blow ye trumpets, Hallelujah! This glad year of Jubilee."

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Valentines Honored On 25th Anniversary

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 17, following the mid-week prayer service the congregation of Southside Church in Jackson honored the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. S. W. Valentine, on the occasion of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Deacon Ermine L. Warren presented Rev. and Mrs. Valentine with a silver coffee service as a token of love from the church.

Rev. and Mrs. Valentine have two children, Betty and Sammy, and have served in the Southside church for the past five and one-half years.

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"Anyone knowing the names and addresses of Southern Baptists living in or near Aurora, Illinois, is urged to send them immediately to Rev. Harold E. Cameron, 686 E. Chicago St., Elgin, Illinois."

Executive Committee

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Home Mission Boards, the relationship of the W. M. U. Training School to Southern Baptist Convention.

6. That American Seminary Commission be authorized to use capital needs funds for operating expenses until capital needs funds can be replaced.

Approval of the 1953-54 capital needs budget as well as the 1954 operating budget, all of which will be presented to the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston in May. The 1953 operating budget was approved by the SBC in Miami last spring.

Total amount approved for each agency with the percentage this figure represents of the total agency budgets is as follows:

Foreign Mission Board, \$3,475,000 — 39.71 per cent; Home Mission Board, \$1,149,800 — 13.14 per cent; Relief and Annuity Board, \$791,900 — 9.85 per cent; Southern Seminary, \$591,867 — 6.77 per cent; New Orleans Seminary, \$445,766 — 7.38 per cent; Golden Gate Seminary, \$385,800 — 4.41 per cent; Southwestern Seminary, \$591,867 — 6.7 per cent; Southeastern Seminary, \$492,250 — 5.62 per cent; WMU Training School, \$57,500 — .58 per cent; American Baptist Seminary, \$101,000 — 1.15 per cent; Southern Baptist Hospital, \$160,000 — 1.83 per cent; Baptist Brotherhood, \$61,000 — .70 per cent; Radio Commission, \$137,000 — 1.57 per cent; Baptist Joint Public Affairs Committee, \$15,000 — .17 per cent; Baptist World Alliance, \$25,000 — .29 per cent; Southern Baptist Foundation, \$15,000 — .17 per cent; Education Commission, \$22,000 — .25 per cent; Historical Commission, \$24,000 — .27 per cent; and Social Service Commission, \$15,000 — .17 per cent.

The Home Mission Board was commended by the Executive Committee for its effort to extend their church loan funds to meet the greatly expanded building programs of Southern Baptist Convention churches.

No goal was set for this work. The Home Mission Board now has \$2,500,000 available for church loans. The additional funds will be raised from four sources: (a) annuities, (b) a special allocation of budget money beginning in 1952, (c) \$100,000 from the special Annie Armstrong offerings to be taken next spring, and (d) large gifts from people interested in building mission projects.

All solicitations will be in keeping with the Convention's business and financial plan.

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The first issue of Ohio Baptist Messenger, published by the White Water Association, has just come to our desk. It is a four page newspaper carrying news and articles concerning the churches affiliated with the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky and the Southern Baptist Convention. The publication is edited by Ray E. Roberts, pioneer missionary, 123 Oxford Avenue, Dayton 7, Ohio, and is printed by the Baptist Printery and Book House, Germantown, Ohio.

Holcomb To End Service With Sunday School Board

Nashville, Tenn.—(BP)—Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Convention, for the past eighteen years, has announced he will conclude his work and retire next June. He will be seventy and retirement age December 22, but was elected last June for a full year.

Comparative figures for the past seventeen years show that the Sunday school's income has risen from \$1,728,931.84 in 1935 to \$10,693,333.19 in 1951. Appropriations for state and denominational work increased from \$429,671.04 to \$1,247,135.32 last year. Periodical circulation rose from 32,329,668 in 1935 to 45,825,053 in 1951.

A committee has been named to select a new executive secretary-treasurer.

In his remarks to the Board, Dr. Holcomb pointed out that "the purpose of all the varied ministries of the Sunday School Board in literature promotion, book stores, assemblies, and in all of its work is to render a spiritual service to the home and the church."

"The Board is definitely committed to the extent of its resources to help bind these two divine institutions in the holy task of advancing the cause of Christ throughout our land and in all nations of the earth."

The Sunday School Board also voted to send Dr. Holcomb to Zurich, Switzerland, as a representative from the Board to explain the overall workings of the organization, literature techniques, etc., to students of Southern Baptist Seminary there.

The retiring executive secretary was also invited by the Sunday School Board to become a general associate with the Board after his retirement. His status would be that of department head and his main emphasis would be promotion of the "Million More in '54" Sunday school campaign.

Dr. Holcomb did not indicate whether he would accept the position.

In other action, the Sunday School Board approved an appropriation of nearly \$300,000 with which to complete and equip Glorieta Assembly buildings now under construction in New Mexico. The new Southern Baptist counterpart of Ridgecrest for the western states will open June 8, 1953, and will accommodate 1,000 persons.

Dedication of the nine story addition to the Board administration building was announced for sometime next spring. The building is now only partially finished but is already occupied on some floors.

The retirement of Dr. Homer L. Grice as head of the Vacation Bible School Department of the Board created two vacancies since the editorial and promotional work were set up under different heads. Dr. Grice had worked in his present position since September 1, 1924.

Dr. Charles F. Treadway, formerly pastor of First Church, Columbia, Miss., joined the Board's editorial departments and was approved for the editorial position.

Sibley C. Burnett was elected secretary in charge of promotion for Vacation Bible work in the Sunday School Department.

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Six Mississippi Leaders Go To Jamaica On Mission

Six Mississippi Baptist preachers will be among the more than 60 Southern Baptist leaders in Jamaica the week of January 4-11 on a "preaching mission". They will participate in the mission program which is sponsored by the Negro Work Department of the Home Mission Board.

The expenses of the leaders are either taken care of by the individuals, the churches they pastor, or the institutions for which they work, and will cost the Jamaicans nothing.

Two leaders will be in a church for the week and one will teach the book of Philippians and the other will preach.

Along with Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary of the State Convention Board, others representing Mississippi on the mission tour are: Dr. J. E. Barnes, pastor of the Main Street Church, Hattiesburg; Rev. Carl Duck, Morton; Dr. G. C. Hodge, First Church, Biloxi; Rev. C. A. Alexander, Booneville; and Rev. R. E. McDonald, Prentiss.

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PHILLIPS TO RETIRE

Rev. B. E. Phillips, who for almost 29 years has been pastor at Bethlehem (Fork) Church in Simpson County is retiring from the active pastorate. Mr. Phillips has been a minister for 43 years and largely served Simpson County churches during that period.

A few years ago he retired from the pastorate at New Hebron but continued to serve the Bethlehem Church.

During his pastorate at Bethlehem a new and modern brick building was erected.

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Garland McInnis Named Pastor Of New Church

Rev. Garland McInnis, city pastor, is the new pastor of the Southside Church in Hattiesburg, organized on Sunday, December 14.

About 50 persons met for the purpose of organizing the church. Thirty-seven persons became charter members. Four came on baptism.

Rev. I. M. Prince, pastor of Temple Church in Hattiesburg, spoke on the church covenant while Rev. Oscar H. Petty, pastor of the Nineteenth Avenue Church, read the articles of faith.

Others assisting in the service were Rev. Sam Waggener, pastor of Petal-Harvey Church; J. B. Stewart, R. J. Walters and P. E. Downey, laymen; Rev. D. D. Pearce and Rev. J. L. Roseberry.

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According to the minutes of the Pike County Association there were 261 baptisms during the last year. Ralph Reeves, of McComb, is listed as moderator.

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MRS. W. L. BLANKINSHIP

Mrs. W. L. Blankinship, superintendent of Cradle Roll work, of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., will direct these conference at our three Mississippi Sunday School Conventions, in Tupelo, Meridian, and Gulfport, on March 10-12.

Mrs. Blankinship is doing an outstanding work with our Cradle Roll people over the South, and we are most eager for our Mississippi leaders to take advantage of this fine opportunity of having her in our state for these three days. Plan now to be present at the most convenient convention.

"A Million More in '54."

That is the Southern Baptist Sunday School slogan for 1954.

For each of the last many years we have had a challenging goal for enrolment increase over the previous year, but the 1954 goal tops them all. A Million More in '54. What a challenge.

That sounds big, and it is big, but there are many millions not yet reached. We could reach only one out of about every forty unreached now and still make the goal.

Yes, sir, Brother Supt., "A Million More in '54." That's the goal ahead of us for that year.

THIS IS PREPARATION YEAR

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well prepared for it.

Plans are now in the making for some very definite things along this line. There will be a South-wide committee; a state committee; an associational committee, and a church committee. Information will be given in this column from time to time about his program. Also, letters and other materials will go out at intervals to the associational committees and the school superintendents.

CLEAR JANUARY 26

Monday night, Jan. 26, is the suggested time for the simultaneous associational meetings of pastors, educational directors, superintendents, and associational officers to make plans in each association to see that every church in the association knows about the program to reach a million more in '54.

Be sure and hold that date of Monday night, Jan. 26, and start now to plan for it. Try for a large attendance of the above named officers.

So, then, clear Jan. 26 for this important meeting.

GETTING READY TO REACH A MILLION MORE IN '54

A. V. WASHBURN

Foundation laying is a mighty important business. It comes first in point of time and determines the solidarity and durability of the later structure.

If Southern Baptist churches are to add a million people to the Sunday school enrolment in 1954, a prior step in preparation must be made by all of our churches now—finding, enlisting and training 150,000 new workers. This foundation laying cannot wait. It is top priority. It should begin as early as possible.

Back of the enlistment of a host of workers is the process of inspiring and warming the hearts of the members and potential workers. Let January Bible Study Week serve such a purpose this year. Make special effort to get all the church members into this study—and particularly those who should begin training now for service as an officer or teacher for the fall of '53.

January Bible Study Week can be a step, a very important step, in stimulating a desire for service and enlisting capable men and women in a training program which will lead to great growth and fruitful work. Make 1953 a year of preparation in your church—and begin with a successful Bible Study Week, Jan. 5-9.

—BR—

The many friends of Rev. and Mrs. H. Grady Wilkes will be interested in the announcement of the marriage of their daughter, Rose Marie, to Mr. Wallace Phonso Milam which took place on Thursday, December 25, at the Paynes Church. Mr. Wilkes is pastor of the Paynes Church.

The Baptist Record office is in receipt of a copy of the Yalobusha County Association minutes. The 32nd session was held with Elam Church on October 30. According to the minutes, the next session will be held with the Water Valley First Church.

Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Logan, Southern Baptist missionaries to Nigeria, are moving from Ogbo-mosho to Ibadan where Dr. Logan will serve in the central dental office in the Baptist Building now being constructed. They may be addressed at Baptist Headquarters, Ibadan, Nigeria, West Africa. He is a native of Calhoun county and Mrs. Logan, formerly Dorothy Cook, is a native of Wiggins.

—BR—

Reports Record

(Continued From Page One)
Seventh-day Adventists with an average of \$157.80; the Wesleyan Methodists with \$142.21; the Brethren in Christ with \$124.31; and the Church of the Nazarene with \$111.76.

The average U. S. churchgoer increased his per capita contribution from \$32.33 to \$34.32, a gain of \$1.99 or 6.1 per cent per member.

Dr. Thompson said the per capita gain in benevolences for the 47 reporting denominations was, however, only from \$6.43 to \$6.66 or 23 cents per member per year. For foreign missions, one of the items in benevolences, the gain was only from \$1.31 per capita to \$1.34 or 3 cents per person.

The stewardship leader said that congregational expenses for 45 religious bodies reporting this item amounted to \$1,036,832,082 in the last year, an increase of \$102,452,271, or 11 per cent, over the figure given a year earlier.

—BR—

Roberts Selected

(Continued From Page One)
A School of Stewardship and an effort will be made to enlist every church in the state to observe the week and conduct a school.

This Christian Stewardship Week is convention-wide in scope and will be observed in multiplied thousands of churches in the convention.

"It will be the first major south-wide simultaneous effort ever undertaken and should be the biggest of its kind ever undertaken in the state," Mr. Roberts said.

A meeting has been held of all the state forces in the Baptist Building and they are 100 per cent behind the movement.

This week has been approved by the Southern Baptist Convention, the State Baptist Convention and many of the associations this last fall appointed stewardship chairmen for the week.

Many churches have already placed the week in their calendar and all others are asked to do so.

Special books have been prepared for study that week for all age groups and they will be available in August.

—BR—

Luther K. Turner, Secretary of the Perry County Association, has sent the Baptist Record office a copy of the Perry County Association Minutes. It is noted on the summary table that during the past year there were 136 baptisms in Perry County.

50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

BY REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.
40 YEARS AGO—

Dr. I. W. Read finds a new \$5,000 pastor's home ready for him at Leland as he enters upon his pastorate of the First Church there.

The Georgetown Baptist Church ordains L. Bracy Campbell, principal of the school there to the full work of the gospel ministry, Pastor R. A. Eddleman being assisted by Dr. M. O. Patterson of Newton. "Brother Campbell was once a Catholic . . . but expects to give his life to the preaching of the gospel," says Editor Lipsey.

Pastor N. A. Edmonds of Liberty and Fernwood tells of the many kindnesses of his people, including a check for \$35.00 from the church at Liberty and \$26.50 from Fernwood church.

25 YEARS AGO—

At a tremendous celebration in the Westminster Abbey, London, a news reporter from Clinton, Miss., P. I. Lipsey, Jr., had a unique experience. He says, "The Prince of Wales sat by me and chatted with me." This in a letter to his father, then Editor of the Baptist Record.

J. L. Boyd, Clerk of the Simpson County Association, is awarded the first prize of \$25.00 for the best minute in Mississippi for 1927, having won the same award in a previous year and the second award another year.

Pastor D. W. Moulder of the Polkville Church is presented by the church a \$40.00 suit and his wife a nice quilt as they close their twentieth year with the church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

December 28, 1952

Jackson, Van Winkle	401	204
Paul Truitt (Rankin Co.)	195	127
Jackson, Southside	338	176
Jackson, Highland	158	137
Jackson, Crestwood	489	357
Jackson, Parkway	787	437
Jackson, First Church	1123	495
Midway (Lauderdale Co.)	117	79
Gulfport, First Church	596	240
Meridian, Oakland Hgts.	171	61
Kosciusko, First Church	526	202
Bethlehem (Jones Co.)	128	101
Newton	286	118
Gulfport, New Hope	84	18
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	123	70
Fair River (Lincoln Co.)	75	52
Crystal Springs, First Church	636	138
Cartersville (Lebanon Ass'n)	124	73
Calhoun City, First	282	121
Magee's Cree (Walthall Co.)	83	44
Bethel (Amite Co.)	50	68
McComb, Friendship	154	77
Purvis, First	165	62
Enterprise (Clarke Co.)	149	95
Columbus, East End	165	73
McComb, Locust St.	86	59
Grenada, First	546	101
Grenada, Emmanuel	113	72
Pascagoula, Eastlawn	95	49
Vicksburg, First	423	132
Lucedale	324	174
Houlka	100	52
Pleasant Grove (Lincoln Co.)	100	64
Friendship (Lincoln Co.)	89	64
Meridian, Highland	356	107
Laurel, First	455	161
Kreole	96	54
Morton	247	116
Jackson, Robinson St.	121	53
Jackson, Calvary	1201	519
Main Church	1122	445
Mission	79	74
Yazoo City, First	356	119
Laurel, Second Ave.	353	113

An attractive bound copy of the minutes of the 96th session of the Pearl River Association has been received in the Baptist Record office. The next session will be held with the Carriere Church on Oc-

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REPORT OF BSU COMMITTEE OF MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CON- VENTION BOARD TO THE BOARD DEC. 9, 1952 FOR THE PERIOD NOV. 1, 1952-OCT. 31, 1953.

1. We recommend the election of the following BSU Secretaries and the allocation of the following amounts for Student Secretaries' salaries Riley Munday, Miss. Southern-\$2160; Roy Isbell, Miss. State-\$2160; Marian Leavell, Ole Miss-\$2160; James Breland, Delta State-\$1400; Kathryn Jasper, M. S. C. W.-\$1400; Charles Tolbert, Miss. College-\$780; Louie Farmer, Jr., Clarke College-\$780; Jane Ray Bean, Blue Mountain - \$780; Kathleen Taylor, Woman's College (part-time)-\$390; Frank Horton, Sunflower Jr.-\$600; Jeanne Nelms, Perkinson Jr. - \$600; Gladys Bryant, E. Central Jr.-\$600; Jean Faulkner, Holmes Jr.-\$600; Lillian Jones, Southwest Jr.-\$600; Anne Bailey, Jones, Jr.-\$600 (vacant) Pearl River Jr.-\$600; (to be secured), Hinds Jr.-\$500. Total-\$16,710. (Passed).

2. We recommend that the State Student Secretary, under the authorization of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, strongly urge the churches participating in the BSU program to maintain their standard of support to the BSU Work, since any State Board advance and allocation to the work of BSU is for the purpose of increasing the local Student Secretaries' salaries. (Passed)

3. We recommend that the policy of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board in reference to their relationship to the local BSU Secretaries be (a) in the case of the election of a BSU Secretary for Baptist colleges that the State Board elect them for indefinite terms upon the recommendation of the college president, Board of Trustees, and the State BSU Secretary; (b) in the case of the election of a BSU Secretary for State Colleges that the State Board elect them for indefinite terms upon the recommendation of the local church or churches, as the case may be, and the State BSU Secretary. (Voted down. When "annually" was substituted for "indefinite terms" it was passed.)

4. We recommend (a) that in

the event any salary allocation to a State junior college secretary is unused, by reason of a failure to maintain a local secretary, that the said money shall be distributed equally, as a temporary salary supplement, among the remaining State junior college Secretaries who are at the present time grossly underpaid; (b) that the same procedure and policy be followed in reference to Baptist colleges and in reference to State senior colleges. (Voted down).

5. We recommend that the Convention Board allocate \$2,000 for the purchase of the lot recommended by the BSU Committee of Hattiesburg churches participating in the BSU program on which a BSU Center shall be erected at Mississippi Southern College. (Passed).

6. We recommend that the Executive Committee be empowered to act on behalf of the Convention Board between sessions in reference to requests for appropriations for the purchasing of lots upon which Student Centers are to be erected. (Passed).

7. We heartily approve of the work being done by the State BSU Secretary and wish to express to him our sincere appreciation for his devotion to the work. (Passed). Signed

H. J. RUSHING, Chairman,
W. B. HORTON,
GORDON SANSING,
JAMES B. RILEY.

The budget of the State BSU Department, adopted by the Board is for \$13,530, an increase of \$2,025.60 over last year, \$1050 being for help on expenses to Ridgcrest and the Southwide Secretaries' Seminar for our local BSU Secretaries who attend one or both of these meetings.

The slight increase in the overall Sunday School Board appropriation for the Campus Work will enable Sunflower Jr. College, Holmes Jr. College and Jones Jr. College to receive the same as the other State junior colleges (\$37.50 per month), with the remainder (only \$95.04 for the year) going to Hinds Jr. College to help get a Secretary on the campus there. The other appropriations necessarily remain the same as last year.

C. W. H.

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Offering January 25

Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Allen, Southern Baptist missionaries to Brazil, are now in the States on furlough and may be addressed at Amory, Miss. Mr. Allen is a native of Mississippi.

A copy of the Jones County Association minutes have been received by the Baptist Record office. According to the tables there were 504 baptisms during the past year. The chart also lists 1,759 tithers.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Rev. Leon V. Young
Clinton, Miss.

CALLED AND ACCEPTED:

John G. Green, Linden, Ala.
Ralph D. Field, First, Fairfield, Ala., from Avondale, Chattanooga, Tenn.
J. B. Greer, Trinity, Phoenix, Arizona from First, Williams, Ariz.
O. C. Cooper, First, Eklorado,

Ill., from Walnut St., Carbondale, Ill.

B. T. Tucker, Fairview, Rt. 1, Vivian, S. C.

W. H. Clapp, First, Georgetown, S. C., from First, Yellow Springs, Mo.

Cecil H. Britt, Plum Springs, Ky. from Hanging Fork, Finney, Ky.

Lewis D. Ferrell, First, Paragould, Ark., from First, Fulton Ky.

J. C. Raikes, Morehead, Ky.,

from J. M. Weaver Memorial, Louisville, Ky.

P. H. Mabe, Springville, Ala.

A. K. Check, West End, Kansas, N. C. from South Fork.

Clarence E. Goodwin, Southside, Winston-Salem, N. C., from Cary N. C.

M. G. Ellis, Avondale, Texarkana, Texas from Pleasant Hill Ch., Bryans Mill, Texas.

Bill Arnold, Mason, Texas from Jones Chapel.

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Sunday School Lesson

By Dr. Clifton J. Allen
For January 4

Text: Matthew 15 TRACING CHARACTER TO ITS SOURCE

Vain Religion

The scribes and pharisees may have been an official delegation from the Sanhedrin. Their question, criticizing the disciples, was meant to embarrass Jesus. They were slaves to ceremony and to the traditions of the elders. These "traditions" were the accumulated interpretation of the law by the rabbis. With respect to eating, they required that one wash his hands, not because of uncleanness, but to conform to ceremony.

Jesus answered with a question which exposed their hypocrisy. He charged them with making their tradition more sacred than the commandments of God and with actually breaking the commandment of God in order to keep the tradition. For illustration, he referred to the Fifth Commandment. It required one to honor his father and mother. A further provision of the Mosaic code imposed the death penalty for violation of this Commandment. In spite of this, the tradition of the elders permitted one to avoid a responsibility for the care of his father or mother by simply saying over his money or property, "It is a gift." By saying, "Corban" or "gift" he declared that his property was dedicated to God and thus could not be used for the support of his parents. He could use it then for personal needs or for others. The commandment of God was made of no effect by a religious tradition selfish to the core.

Hypocrites! They were ceremonially correct but morally corrupt. Their religion therefore was vain.

Things That Defile

Jesus wanted the multitude to learn from the hypocrisy of his critics. He therefore called the multitude around him and declared a simple but profound truth: the things which defile a person are from within, not from without; it is not the food which enters the mouth but the words which come out of the mouth that defile a man. The principle proclaimed by Jesus was that moral purity or moral defilement is an internal rather than an external affair. Ceremonies do not make one clean. "The only actual defilement is that of the soul." The supreme factor in character is not some religious ritual but a pure heart.

The Condition of the Heart

After further words of instruction to the disciples, who found it difficult to grasp their full meaning, Jesus went on to stress the fact that the springs of character are found in the heart. The heart, as conceived by the Hebrew mind, was considered the seat of feeling and thought and will.

The unregenerated heart is full of uncleanness. Jesus gave the awful list of its product: evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witnesses,



Pictured above are those who participated in the pageant, "A Tale of Two Tithes," which was recently presented in the auditorium of the Richton Church. The play was under the direction of Mrs. J. N. Tait and Mrs. W. M. Averett. Rev. W. M. Averett is pastor. Included in the cast, and pictured, left to right, were, Misses Betty Jo Young, Ann Ingram, Patricia Johnson, Taffie Hinton, Carolyn Walley, Betty Jean Walley, Dorothy Turner, Ann Moore, Martha Smith, Elaine Moser, Mary Doyce Summers, Carol Jo Hillman, Lencia Cooper, and Frank Jones. Seated are Misses Emma Sue Jones and Linda Sue Henderson. Not pictured are Misses Marilyn Moser, Helen Meadows, Marjorie Fike, and Mrs. J. N. Tait and Mrs. W. M. Averett.

blasphemies. Conduct has its source in the heart.

When we trace character to its source, we must go to the heart. Washing or not washing one's hands, as a religious ceremony, makes no difference. The condition of the heart will determine the moral quality of one's life.

Truths to Live By

REGENERATION IS IMPERATIVE—Jesus exposed the corruption of the unregenerate heart. There is something so wrong with human nature that it will break forth in violence, lust, deceit, and blasphemy. The poison of sin is in the heart. It must be cleansed, set free, made new with the life of God before it can produce the fruits of faith, love, purity, truth, and self-control. No ceremony or sacrament can change the heart. But Christ can!

CHRISTIAN CHARACTER IS SUPREME—It proves the redemptive power of Christ in human experience. It undergirds business with honesty, sanctifies marriage with purity, and guarantees work with fidelity. It safeguards government against corruption and protects freedom from abuse. It saves society from violence and delivers the individual from intemperance. Christian character makes a person strong and a nation secure.

WORSHIP DEMANDS MORALITY—God requires clean hands and a pure heart on the part of those who come to him. The words of the mouth must be matched by lives of uprightness. No matter what the precepts and customs of men may allow, the standard of God demands that men shall be honest and clean, free from malice and selfishness, to be acceptable before him. "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

New Deacons Ordained At Riverside Church

Four new deacons were ordained by the newly-organized Riverside Church in Jackson Association in a very impressive service Dec. 11.

They were: C. B. May, W. H. Doherty, J. B. Corman and M. P. Aldredge.

Taking part in the service were: Rev. Melvin F. Wilson of Kreole, Rev. Ernest Steelman of Eastside and Rev. Oliver Mason of Eastlawn.

Rev. F. L. Coker is serving as pastor.

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

January 5—Mrs. Boyd Armstrong, Columbus Associational WMU Superintendent; Louie Farmer, Jr., BSU Secretary, Clarke College.

January 6—Prof. W. L. Strange, faculty, Mississippi College; Mrs. Dona Brister, staff, Baptist Orphanage.

January 7—R. W. Corder, Jr., Sunflower Associational Brotherhood President; Rev. Brooks McMaster, Tate Associational Sunday School Superintendent.

January 8—Mrs. I. E. Rouse, Dean of Students, Woman's College; Mrs. Cora Byrd, Kemper Associational WMU Superintendent.

January 9—Rev. W. L. Harrison, Perry Associational Training Union Director; Charles M. Tolbert, BSU Secretary, Mississippi College.

January 10—Rev. Clarence Palmer, Tippah Associational Sunday School Superintendent; A. M. Donnell, faculty, Blue Mountain College.

January 11—B. S. U. Life Commitment Day; B. S. U. Volunteer Service Week.

Antioch Church Goes On Full-Time Basis

The Antioch Church in Lowndes County Association has voted to go full time with Rev. W. O. Pippen from West Point called as pastor.

The following brethren have recently been ordained to the deaconship; R. E. Forrester and Grover Fairchild.

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HOWARD HAMRICK IS FELLOWSHIP PASTOR

Fellowship Church of Jones county has called Howard Hamrick as their pastor. He began serving as pastor the first of December. Mr. Hamrick was formerly pastor of the Calvary Church of Amite county.

A graduate of Miss. College, he is a second year student of the New Orleans Seminary.

Mr. Hamrick is originally of Crosby, while Mrs. Hamrick is of Picayune. They have one girl, Virginia Ann.

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Program Is Set For Evangelistic Meet

The program for the annual State Evangelistic Conference, scheduled for First Church in Jackson January 27-29, is being released this week by Dr. C. E. Wilbanks, of Jackson, Director of Evangelism.

The program to deal with every phase of church-centered evangelism, will present eight outstanding out-of-state speakers and 22 personalities from within the state.

The conference, to feature inspiration and information, will open at 7:15 Tuesday evening and close at noon Thursday. The complete program follows:

TUESDAY NIGHT

- 7:15—Praise the Lord in Song: W. C. Morgan, Miss Hazel Chisholm
7:25—Welcome, and Worship—W. Douglas Hudgins, Host Pastor
7:35—Evangelism, A Church Centered Program—C. E. Wilbanks
8:05—Special Music
8:10—Locating the Prospects — The Associational Simultaneous Crusade—Dan Morton
8:45—Preach the Word — God's Plan For Mass Evangelism—James W. Middleton

WEDNESDAY MORNING

- 8:40—Prayer Room Open— Missionary Fred Tarpley, Host
9:10—Scripture and Prayer and Songs—H. H. Ward and W. C. Morgan.
9:15—SALVATION—The Church's Theme Song—L. E. Green
9:50—INVITATION—The Church's Trumpet Call —Homer G. Lindsay
10:35—JUSTIFICATION — The Church's Position—W. A. Sullivan
11:15—SANCTIFICATION, The Church's Power—S. R. Woodson

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:20—Cooperating in Song
1:30—God Speaks To Us — We Speak To Him—H. A. Milner
1:38—The Value of an Associational Simultaneous Crusade —C. E. Autry
2:10—Song of Fellowship
2:15—"A Million More in '54"—Charles L. McKay
2:45—Rescue The Perishing (Sing It)
2:50—The Value of Preparation For An Associational Simultaneous Crusade—James A. Howard
3:25—Preparing the Hearts of the People through Publicity, Radio and the Special Rallies —Charles Everett
3:55—The Associational Officers for Evangelism and the Church Reporting No Baptisms—Chester L. Quarles
4:25—Evangelizing Other Nationalities—Frank Halbeck

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

- 7:00—Prayer Room Open—Thursman Booth, Host
7:15—Overflowing of Perennial Song in the Heart—W. Hines Sims, Miss Hazel Chisholm
7:25—God's Perennial Expectation of Us—Wayne Todd
7:35—Perennial Evangelism Directed. (Film Strip Showing Evangelism Church Council)—C. E. Autry
8:15—Personal Soulwinning, a Perennial Possibility—James A. Howard
8:35—Conservation for Perennial Evangelization — Homer G. Lindsay

THURSDAY MORNING

- 8:40—Prayer Room Open—O. B. Anderson, Host
9:00—Power in Song
9:10—God's Powerful Word — Kermit Canterbury
9:20—Power Through Using the Church Organizations in Revival—John R. Maddox
9:40—Power for Evangelism in Our War Machine — Alfred Carpenter
10:08—Power Through Closing the Leak in Church Membership —Perry Claxton
10:30—Power of Prayer, and How to Promote It in Associations and Churches—C. E. Autry
11:15—The Power of Music in Evangelism—W. Hines Sims
11:35—Meditation
11:45—"By My Spirit,—Enroll A Million and Reach A Multitude"—James W. Middleton
12:20—Going Forth—Bearing Precious Seed

REV. J. R. DAVIS TO MAKE EUROPEAN TRIP

Rev. J. R. Davis, pastor of the First Church of New Albany, accompanied by Mrs. Davis and in the company of Dr. D. H. Hall, Jr. of Decatur, Ga., and Mrs. Hall will sail from New York on February 27 for a two month trip to Europe and the Holy Land.

He was recently voted a two months leave of absence by the church and his expenses for the trip to the Holy Land by membership of the church.

MWC Exceeds Lottie Moon Goal

Following a week of emphasis, prayer, and study on foreign missions by the Y. W. A. of Woman's College, the Lottie Moon Christmas offering totaled \$651.35. The goal had previously been set at \$500. Announcement of the total gift was made by Pat Pinson, YWA president, at the chapel hour.

Many of the students gave their Christmas gifts and even sought ways of making extra money to give. They washed cars—from the president's to the janitor's, raked leaves on the campus, cleaned faculty rooms and offices and made candy and other things to sell.

Miss Florence Ongais of Hawaii and Miss Virginia Wu of China spoke to the student body concerning the various ways in which the Lottie Moon offering has contributed to the spread of the Gospel in their countries.

First Greenville Plans Building



CLEVELAND CHURCH MAKES PROGRESS

The First Baptist Church in Cleveland, Rev. W. H. Clarke, pastor, is able to report growth in every respect this year. The Sunday school and training union are staying well ahead of last year.

Both have been enlarged to care for the possibilities. In the Sunday School four new departments and twenty-five new classes were organized in October. Twice during the year all previous records for Sunday school attendance were broken. The first was 608 and the second 642.

During the year 70 people came for baptism and 110 by letter. During the two years the present pastor has been with the church 325 people have been received, almost half by baptism.

Financially the church is experiencing real victory. With real spiritual emphasis on tithing and regular worship through giving, the contributions have risen above \$50,000 annually. In 1953 the biggest budget in the history of the church has been adopted, \$58,000, and well on the way to being completely pledged.

More money was given to missions that ever before. In the last convention year, \$7,865 as compared to \$5,226 last year. The church plans to contribute more than \$10,000 to missions next year.

The present membership is 1983. More than 300 of these are tithers. Only 283 have failed to make a pledge to the church budget for 1953.

Cloverdale, Natchez Begins Building Program

Recently, the Cloverdale church of Natchez voted to begin a building program to add an educational annex to the present church building.

The church was organized on June 15, 1952 and occupied a new building which was constructed only a short time prior to the date of organization. Since that time, the membership has doubled and the Sunday School attendance and enrollment has nearly doubled. A Training Union was organized, having enrolled nearly the entire membership of the church.

A building committee is composed of Bobby Thomas, chairman; Charles Seyforth, vice chairman; Johnny Johnson; George Wells; W. A. Watson; Calvin Brummett and the pastor, Henry E. White, Jr.

Plans have been drawn to construct a two-story annex, which would house two nurseries, Sunday School class rooms, a kitchen, rest rooms, and a pastor's study.

The construction of the foundation was begun on December 22.

The First Church of Greenville Dr. W. Perry Claxton, pastor, plans to begin construction of its proposed new \$350,000 sanctuary during 1953.

\$125,000 of this amount has been pledged in 1952, according to J. D. Causey, chairman of the finance campaign.

The new structure, along with the 2-story educational annex, is designed to meet the needs of the church for the future as well as the present and adequate provision is being made for every phase of a well-rounded church program.

The First Church of Greenville has had an interesting history, starting as early as 1880 without a permanent structure.

The present resident membership of 1428. Seventeen different pastors have served the congregation.

Dr. Claxton, present pastor, came to the church from the First Church of Talladega. The church has issued a beautiful brochure in connection with the building program.

Rev. and Mrs. David N. Mayhall, Southern Baptist missionaries to Nigeria, announce the birth of Janet Marie on November 23. Mr. Mayhall is a native of Liberty, and Mrs. Mayhall, formerly Ollie Mae Ware, is a native of Simpson county.

Rev. Sam Crawford Beaten By Thugs

Rev. Sammy Crawford, pastor of Pilgrim's Rest Church in Panola county, is in a Memphis hospital as a result of injuries sustained when he was attacked in his home on Christmas eve. Two unidentified men entered his home and in the presence of his wife and children kicked and "stomped" him on the face and legs. . . . then warned him to leave the area "within 30 days."

Crawford said, "We think someone in the church hired the men to beat me up." But he said he knew of no reason why anyone in his church would take such action.

Christmas Party Honors Rev. and Mrs. McFatrige

A large group of friends gathered in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hymie Fisher of Round Lake, on the evening of December 18 to honor their esteemed pastor, Rev. F. V. McFatrige and his wife who are ending their work in Duncan church on January 1.

The spirit of Christmas was carried out in the decorations of the home and the table about which this festive occasion centered. The hostess had used silvered and white greenery throughout her home and an open Bible and a scene of the Nativity was a point of interest.

Those receiving were Mr. and Mrs. Hymie Fisher, Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Day, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Hardin, Mrs. Brooksie Holt and Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Smith.

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